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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER KIRK ANNOUNCES FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST

1. PRIME MINISTER KIRK, IN EARLY EVENING PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 17 ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE FIRST FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST OF THE CURRENT SERIES HAD OCCURRED AND THAT THE TEST WAS UNDER 20 KILOTONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS KIRK DECLINED TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE SOURCE OF THE TEST INFORMATION. ASKED IF IT CAME FROM AMERICAN OR BRITISH SHIPS IN THE AREA KIRK REPLIED, QTE WE GET IT ON THE BASIS OF OUR OWN INITIATIVE AND IT'S VERY NECESSARY THAT WE SHOULD. END QTE.

2. KIRK STATED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED NEW ZEALAND'S AMBASSADOR IN PARIS TO DELIVER A STRONG PROTEST NOTE TO THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES AT QTE THE RESUMPTION OF ATMOSPHERIC TESTING UN VIOLATION OF OUR RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF OUR SOUTH PACIFIC NEIGHBORS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. END QTE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PROTEST NOTE WAS DELIVERED BY NZ PARIS EMBASSY COUNSELOR.

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